

# NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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## April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), an American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds, but only six out of every 1,000 perpetrators serve time in prison. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention defines sexual violence as "any sexual activity where consent is not freely given," including completed or attempted sex acts where the victim does not consent and/or is unable to consent. Sexual violence also includes unwanted sexual contact, as well as verbal sexual harassment.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has chosen "Engaging New Voices" as this year's theme. Visit their website at <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam> to learn more. In addition, RAINN offers a guide that includes social media language, graphics, and statistics that you can use to help raise awareness of this issue. Visit <https://www.rainn.org/SAAPM2017> to view the toolkit today. Remember that consent is an important topic to



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discuss when raising awareness of sexual assault. Read about what consent means and why it is important to teach others about consent by [clicking here](#).

From donating money and supplies to rape crisis centers to volunteering for sexual assault hotlines, GFWC members are committed to ending sexual violence. Participate in Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month by speaking up about this issue. This month also gives us an opportunity to continue the conversation about sexual assault on college campuses. Learn more by watching the award-winning documentary *The Hunting Ground*, which is available to stream on Netflix.



## Travel to Aruba with the GFWC Juniors!

GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Jolie Frankfurth invites you to the Caribbean island of Aruba January 25-28, 2018. During the tour, you will stay at the all-inclusive Barcelo Aruba Resort located in Palm Eagle Beach. With direct access to the beach you may enjoy time in a hammock on the sand or in the water engaging in sports such as snorkeling, windsurfing, or diving. The resort also features a spectacular swimming pool and opportunities to relax in the stunning gardens.

While on the trip, each traveler will assist the GFWC Women's Club of Aruba during the Day of Service. You will have your choice of helping with one of two projects the club regularly supports. The Dress a Child Project provides over 300 local children with a complete outfit once a year, while the Medio

Garlick at [kgarlick@gfwc.org](mailto:kgarlick@gfwc.org) and you're all set!

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## Cares and Concerns

With great sadness we announce the passing of Past GFWC New Hampshire President (2000-2002) **Bernice Stucker** on April 3. Bernice spent over 50 years serving her community and state with the Somersworth and New Hampshire Women's Clubs. You may visit [www.bernierfuneralhome.net](http://www.bernierfuneralhome.net) to sign the online guest book.

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## Be The Hero

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Ambiente Goes to School Project donates lunch boxes and water bottles to all first grade students on the island.

The trip rate is \$825 per person (double occupancy) and payment is due September 1, 2017. The fee includes three nights deluxe accommodations, all meals, a cocktail party with the Women's Club of Aruba, round-trip ground transportation to and from the hotel, and taxes/fees. A \$70 per person deposit will hold one of the 32 available rooms.

For additional information visit [www.gfwcjunortour.com](http://www.gfwcjunortour.com) or call Abora Travel Agent Diania Pimenta at 813-563-2404.



## Proving Dogs Are Man's Best Friend

Imagine not being able to open a door, flip a light switch, or pick up a set of keys without asking for help. Now imagine the relief and self-confidence a person with a disability will feel when a Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) dog helps her with these tasks.

After envisioning the quality of life improvements that could be achieved for her friend's daughter with cerebral palsy, GFWC Texas President Patti Poe became an active supporter of CCI. The Special Project for President Poe's administration will be raising funds to provide service dogs to not only children, but adults and veterans as well.

Assistance dogs are different from typical family pets in that they receive extensive and specialized training. Volunteer puppy raisers provide basic coaching and socialization for the first 18

your door to door fundraiser or build your online campaign today!

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## Book News

Ada Calhoun, winner of the 2015 Jane Cunningham Croly Award for Excellence in Journalism Covering Issues of Concern to Women, will be releasing a new book on May 16. *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give* is being published by W.W. Norton & Company and available for preorder through [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). The book has received wonderful reviews. *Publishers Weekly* describes the book this way, "A humorous, realistic, and loving look at marriage....Each essay mixes components of memoir and self-help, drawing on insight from Calhoun's own marriage as well as the wise thoughts of clergymen and lessons learned from long-married

months of a dog's training. The dogs, typically Labrador Retrievers or Golden Retrievers, are then given an additional six to nine months of instruction at a professionally staffed training center. It is at the training facility where dogs learn the up to 50 advanced commands that will support their work as assistance dogs. The instruction and lifetime support of the each assistance dog cost \$50,000.

Despite the large fees incurred for training, CCI does not charge for assistance dogs or the ongoing maintenance the organization provides. CCI is a nonprofit funded through private donations from individuals, corporations, and organizations such as GFWC.

Texas clubwomen have already raised \$2,500 from a dog photo contest at the fall board meeting and various other activities. President Poe expects DogFest Walk n' Roll Austin to be the state's largest fundraiser and hopes to earn enough to fully fund one assistance dog at the event. If you would like to join GFWC Texas in their support of CCI, you may find a DogFest Walk n' Roll near you by [clicking here](#).

Because of highly trained assistance dogs, disabled individuals are able to lead more full and independent lives. There could be no better way for President Poe or Texas clubwomen to exemplify *Living the Volunteer Spirit*.



## Update on Shea II

As you may recall from a previous *News & Notes* announcement, Canine Companions for Independence honored International President Sheila E. Shea by naming a male Labrador puppy after her. In the last four months, Shea II has

couples....Calhoun is laugh-out-loud funny."

If you are seeking a book club selection for June, look no further than GFWC's award recipient Ada Calhoun's *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give*.



## Help Us Reach 10,000 Facebook Likes

There's no denying the power of numbers! GFWC's Facebook page is quickly growing, and we are proud to have over 9,300 likes. We think we can reach 10,000 likes by the kickoff of the 2017 GFWC Convention in Palm Springs, but we need your help. From now until June 24, we encourage you to invite your friends to like GFWC's Facebook page. Simply visit [www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers](http://www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers) and click on "Invite friends to like this page" on the column in the right hand corner.

## Help Welcome The Honor Flight

GFWC has become part of the Day in D.C. routine for Honor Flight West Central Florida missions and we have

grown from 18 to 58 pounds! Clubwoman and puppy raiser Kathleen King reports that, "Shea is very curious. He's had lots of fun new experiences, including a visit to Big Bear Lake where he walked in the snow and delighted in the cold and seemed to love the cooler weather compared to the warmer climate of home. In fact, he loved eating the snowballs! He also loves to ride the train. He thinks wiggling back-and-forth along with the clingy clank of the train is a fun thing to do, until he eventually falls asleep underneath my feet. He's even gone to the movies for a puppy training class."

If you are attending the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention in Palm Springs, California, remember to reserve a little time to meet Shea in person at the CCI booth.

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## California Dreamin' Raffle

There are two easy ways to get involved in the California Dreamin' Raffle at the 2017 Annual Convention. Buying a raffle sheet (25 chances) through online registration or at Convention supports the fundraiser from the attendee side. It's also great to support the fundraiser from the organizer side by donating a prize. Some fun ideas include a getaway bag filled with beach items or other goodies, unique jewelry, electronics, summer purses, and so much more! Themes can center around your state/region or think desert, palm trees, sand, flamingos, and relaxing! Gift cards are especially appreciated as they are easy to pack. The more prizes, the more opportunities to win! You can find the raffle donation form by going to the GFWC Resources tab on [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org) and selecting the "R" for raffle.

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## Celebrate Your Life at the International Women's Summit in May

Women from all over the world are traveling to attend the International Women's Summit in Phoenix, Arizona. From May 4-7, women will have the opportunity to network with one another and have meaningful conversations about how to move forward in creating a more peaceful and harmonious world.

once again been asked to help roll out the red carpet for these true American Heroes. GFWC Florida does an outstanding job of sending them off and welcoming them home in the airport...and with GFWC headquartered in Washington D.C., we have experienced first-hand the tremendous privilege of welcoming the buses filled with honorees and guardians alike. Join GFWC International President Sheila Shea and members of the GFWC staff **Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.** at the United States Air Force Memorial located at 1 Air Force Memorial Drive Arlington, Virginia - and experience this amazing program for yourself. All you need is a smile, handshakes and hugs to share, and a love of country.



## Interested in Advertising in the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention Program?

The Convention Program will be distributed to each clubwoman when they register in Palm Springs, California. The program contains meeting schedules, maps of the convention center, a complete agenda, exhibitor profiles, and information on local attractions. The program also provides

The Summit is devoted to women's empowerment and having brilliant and meaningful conversations. Some of the featured presenters include Elizabeth Gilbert, author of EAT PRAY LOVE; Lisa Ling from CNN; Erin Brockovich, environmental activist; Glennon Doyle Melton, author of Love Warrior; Marianne Williamson, bestselling author; Sheri Salata, former President of OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network; and many more tremendous female presenters.

This Summit brings together a group of powerful women leaders covering a range of women's interests, including life purpose and personal branding, activism, community leadership, spirituality, health & wellness, and creativity. Visit <https://goo.gl/3Ezkph> for more information.



## Marketplace: GFWC Tote Bags

The GFWC Tote Bags are the perfect fashion accessory for a busy clubwoman. Totes are made out of cotton with a zippered top and are available in both red and blue, with matching GFWC logo. Blue totes measure 24" x 15" x 8-1/2" and red measure 20" x 16" x 7". \$30 each at the [GFWC Marketplace](#).

an excellent opportunity to recognize the achievements of your Federation sisters.

[Click here](#) to find advertising rates, artwork specifications, submission deadlines, and the commitment form.

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## In The News

The **Fort Pierce Woman's Club** (Florida) is featured in *Treasure Coast Newspapers* for a resurgence in membership in recent years. Read more about the club's success and recent activities by [clicking here](#).

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